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TOPIC Information on the Organizational Status of the KVP Unit in Rostock

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1. On 3 August 1953, installation No. 8 near Eggesin quartered three mechanized KVP regiments whose soldiers wore blue collar patches. The soldiers slept in tents. The units were under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Kirchner who, during the reported period, was stationed at a mental institution in Greifswald. One of the three regiments, the so-called Rostock regiment, was commanded by Major Ludwig. This regiment was allegedly to be deactivated soon. The light units were to move to the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock, the heavy units to Schwerin-Sternbuchholz.¹

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2. [REDACTED] 122-mm, 152-mm and allegedly also 172-mm guns were parked at installation No. 8. [REDACTED] armor-piercing ammunition available included solid projectiles with rounded-off heads, projectiles with steel core and tracer composition and other special projectiles fitted with steel core, bursting charge and tracer composition.²

3. On 5 August, the KVP unit quartered at the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock was assigned to Armeegruppe Nordin Pasewalk commanded by Major General Hermann Rentzsch. The KVP unit involved, which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Wildner, moved to Pasewalk on 4 August. Frauendorf (fnu), previously chief of staff of the unit was replaced by Captain Max (fnu). All Soviet advisors were withdrawn. Some of the KVP officers were transferred, others discharged.

4. The unit stationed at the Fuesilier Kaserne was, allegedly, to be deactivated in the near future. Only indoor training was conducted during the reported period. The military band was to remain at the installation which was scheduled to be reoccupied by "light units" from the Eggesin area. Advance details from installation No. 8 had already arrived in Rostock.

5. [REDACTED] two artillery regiments and one tank regiment were to be organized in Rostock by 31 August 1953. The tank regiment was to be placed under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Kuehn. (fnu).³

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- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Kirchner is the commanding officer of the 3d Hecz Regt of Division Eggesin. This regiment was formed from the previous KVPD in Rostock. Major Ludwig was previously known to be deputy commander and PK officer of this regiment. The term "light units" probably refers to the infantry battalions of the regiment, while the term "heavy units" probably refers to the tank and artillery battalions.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. It is doubted whether these data are correct. No 172-mm guns are known to be available to the KVP. 152-mm howitzers are probably assigned only to the howitzer artillery regiment [] which is stationed in the Stallberg area. 25X1 25X1C
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The information contained in this report, [] is contradictory. However, the report indicates that a reorganization of Armeegruppe Nord has either been planned or already executed. In the recent weeks, Armeegruppe Nord [] transferred personnel and equipment to units [] as well as to the Bereitschaften in Oranienburg, Potsdam and Hohenstuecken, which are directly assigned to the Ministry of the Interior. [] and [] . Among others, Armeegruppe Nord turned over an 85-mm AAA battery to the AAA instruction regiment [] in Kirchmoeser. Thus, it is established fact that units [] were brought to authorized strength by Armeegruppe Nord. For this reason, it is doubted that units [] were placed under the command of Armeegruppe Nord. The tendency observed in the last time much more indicates that units are withdrawn from Armeegruppe Nord and used for the filling up of other units. From a report furnished by [] it is inferred that about 30 percent of the actual strength of Armeegruppe Nord will be transferred to other units. [] 25X1A 25X1C

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